

Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan Update

June 28, 2011 Meeting Notes

Station 1: What We heard

Resilient Community & Organizations: A resilient and interconnected community that contains diverse households, supported by strong social and cultural institutions and services.

Topic	# Dots
<i>Character & Identity</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Strong Identity with Diversity of Race & Cultures	2
Long-standing Family & Social Connections	4
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Retain Unique Multicultural Identity	1
Celebrate What Each Culture Brings	3
Create a Positive Reputation	2
Strengthen Community Identity	
<i>Gathering Places & Support Networks</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Energetic & Involved Community	1
Places of Worship	23
Families	8
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Create Celebrations, Programs, & Events	6
Develop a Multi-cultural Center	10
Improve Access to & Use of Existing Public Places (Playgrounds, Schools, Performing Arts, etc)	8
<i>Youth & Education</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	
New Investment in Schools & Community Center	6
Supportive Community	3
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
More Programs for Youth & Families	9
Create Central Gathering Place for Teens	6
Support Teen Education & Culture with Community/Schools Collaborations	4
Provide Local Jobs for Teens	3
<i>Shopping & Services</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	

Topic	# Dots
Diverse Mom & Pop Stores	2
Ethnic Shops & Restaurants	4
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Broader Range of Shops & Grocery Stores	3
Well-supported & More Locally-owned Businesses	5
Support for & Integration of Cultural Business	
More Employment for Youth in Local Business	4
<i>Safety</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Feels Safe in Neighborhoods	7
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Less Crime	3
Safe Walking Environment Especially at Night	3
Increased Positive Activity as Deterrent to Crime	6
Every Aspect of the Community Working Together to Create a Healthy, Safe Environment	2
Positive Police Presence	2

Healthy People & Families: A neighborhood that provides access to resources necessary to live a healthful life.

Topic	# Dots
<i>Mobility & Physical Activity</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Walking is Safe in Neighborhoods	10
Walking is Safe During the Day	1
Biking is Safe off of Major Streets	2
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Reduced Aggressive Driving Through Improved Traffic Calming & Speed Limit & School Zone Enforcement	1
Safe Walking Conditions, Especially at Night	6
Safe, Convenient Walking Paths Through the "Superblocks" (Schools, Grocery Stores & Lake Washington Apartments)	3
Safer Intersections & Crossings	1
Improved Walking Conditions Between Light Rail Station & Town Center	1
More People Walking & Biking for Short Local Trips	
<i>Healthy Food Access</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	

Topic	# Dots
Safeway & Saars are Close	1
Atlantic Street Nursery Project	5
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
More Grocery Stores & Shopping Choice	2
More Restaurants & Gathering Places	7
Improved Variety & Quality of Grocery options	3
More Variety of Restaurants & Gathering Places	2
More Locations Where Locally Grown & or Healthy Food is Available	1

Supportive Physical Environment: A natural and built environment that is healthy and provides for a healthy community.

Topic	# Dots
Healthy Food Access	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Stores & Community Facilities, Schools, Library & Community Center at Henderson & Rainier	3
Small Mom & Pop Ethnic Stores	4
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Create a Center for Business, Shopping, Living, Gathering	3
Increase Small, Locally-owned Businesses Shopping Choices	1
Nicer for Walking	1
Free of Violence	1
Keep People in Rainier Beach to Shop & Dine	12
Build on Cultural Diversity	4
Easier to Move Between Businesses, Parks & Community Facilities	1
Housing	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Affordable Housing in Good Locations	7
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
More Housing Needed	2
Improve the Quality of Housing Stock	2
Maintain Existing Affordable Housing	1
Provide Affordable Housing for All Income Levels	7
Programs for Access to Home Ownership	6
Transportation	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Convenient Access to Surrounding Areas	2
Light Rail & Transit Service	3
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Nicer & Safer Pedestrian & Bicycle Environment	5
Better Access to Light Rail	7

Topic	# Dots
Better Connections Through Large Block, Schools & Parks.	
Safe, Comfortable Walking Between Light Rail Station & Rainer	3
<i>Parks & Open Spaces</i>	
<u>What's Good</u>	
Strong Identity with Water & Beer Sheva Park	
Community Center is Central to the Community	4
<u>Vision for the Future (What Needs Improving)</u>	
Improved Safety & Lighting	3
More Parks	1
Better Access to Lake Shore	12
Improve Park Furnishings	
Increase Park Programming for All Ages	3

Station 1 Notes:

- Walking patch somewhere
- Create a beach at Beer Sheva!

Station 2: Beach Square

Draft Strategy	# Dots
Develop Commercial Clusters with a Mix of Retail and Service that Support Daily Needs, & Increased Vitality	11
Identify Grants & Programs to Support Existing Small & Immigrant Business & Recruit New Small Business	13
Develop Public/Private Partnerships to Support New Business Development & Incubators for New Business Startups	10
Work with Supermarkets, Shops & Restaurants to Increase Availability of Healthy Food	5
Evaluate Options (Including Zoning) to Stimulate More Residential Development on Henderson	6
Support Low Income, Disabled Homeowners	9
Implement the Southeast Transportation Study Recommendations, & Bike & Pedestrian Master Plans to Improve the Walking Environment	3
Activate Rainier & Henderson as Vibrant Walking Streets	5
Create a More Complete Walking Links Between Schools, Parks, Shopping Areas, Etc.	11
Increase Buses to Rail Station & Relocate Some Bus Layover to Station Area	10
Improve Use of Public Spaces (Parks, Schools) by Increasing Events, & Improving Access, Circulation & Safety	6
Implement Atlantic City Nursery Project to Create an Urban Food Farm	13
Look for Opportunities for a Community Food Kitchen for Food Processing, Production & Small Business Development	7
Open Views to Lake Washington, Especially Beer Sheva Park & Atlantic City Boat Launch	2
Improve Beer Sheva Park with Picnic & Bench Furnishings	3
Support & Build on Community Diversity with: Public Art, Marketing & Branding Strategies, etc.	5
Develop Active, Ongoing Programming in the Public Spaces such as Festivals, Events, & Performances	7
Create Places (such as a Multi-cultural Center), Programs & Events that Bring Together the Diverse Elements of the Community	11
Expand & Improve Access to Teen & Youth Programs/Activities	4
Create a Permanent, Centrally-Located Teen Center	7
Continue to Build Relationships with Seattle Public Schools	6
Employ More Youth in Local Business	10
All Projects, Actions & Events in the Community Should Contribute to a Healthy Community that Provides for a Safe Neighborhood	8
Work with SPD to Consider "Hot Spots" Approach to Crime Prevention (Rainier & Henderson) & Increasing Police Legitimacy	9

Station 2 Flip Chart Notes:

- Walking loops around neighborhood w/ mile marking being art projects.
 - Use design to create feeling of safety.
 - No chain link fences - - that's not how to make us safe.
 - Cargo containers with ethnic food and shutter fronts placed along Mapes walkway.
 - Making enough room for bike and walkways.
- Beach Square
 - Move #7 bus ~~station 2~~/Do not move it.
 - It will cripple the bus . . . time/expense/distance
 - Already destroyed #42 re: it ran from South end to Dearborn to uptown and connected all of the communities – it was a lifeline for people out here.
 - No cars – Pedestrian/community activity – retail, foods, shops – develop derelict property – create the active core of Beach Square.
 - Zoning at Henderson.
 - Food carts
 - Extended bike lanes
- Rainier Beach Aerial Photo 2009:
 - Beach Square – Storefront Art Project, ARTWALK

Station 3: Rose Street

Draft Strategy	# Dots
Develop Commercial Clusters with a Mix of Retail & Service that Support Daily Needs, & Increased Vitality	5
Develop Mix of Retail & Service uses at "Pearls" that Support Daily Needs	1
Identify Grants & Programs to Support Existing Small Business & Recruit New Small Business	11
Tailor Grant Programs to Immigrant Businesses with Office of Economic Development	6
Retain & Expand Variety of Ethnic Foods	2
Employ More Youth in Local Business	15
Implement the Southeast Transportation Study Recommendations, & Bike & Pedestrian Master Plans to Improve the Walking Environment	4
Work with Supermarkets & Shops to Increase Availability of Healthy Food	11
Keep Owner Occupied Housing Affordable with Revolving Loan Funds, Land Trusts etc.	16
All Projects, Actions & Events in the Community Should Contribute to a Healthy Community that Provides for a Safe Neighborhood	11
Link to Key Sites Including: Beer Sheva, Atlantic City Nursery & Pritchard Beach	12
Implement Parks Levy & Opportunity Funds at Former Atlantic City Nursery	10
Support & Build on Community Diversity with: Public Art, Marketing & Branding Strategies, etc.	8
Develop Events & Spaces that Increase Connections Between People such as Art Walk, etc.	7
Develop Gateways, Public Art & Beautification Projects that are Specific to Rainier Beach Culture	7
Coordinate Efforts with Ongoing Community Work such as: Youth & Families Initiative	4
Expand & Improve Access to Teen & Youth Programs/Activities	14

Station 3 Flip Chart Notes:

Rose Street:

- Link to the learning garden.
- Link/coordinate youth programs serving same/similar purpose - - would allow us to say 350 youth are participating, not 4 distinct programs serving small groups.

Cross –cultural interaction

- Physical impediments exist in the way buildings are designed and pedestrian access is allowed.
- Greater signage publicizing cultural events/services (ex. Meditation classes at Temple).
- ↑ events where organizations open their doors at same time.

Station 4: Seward & Rainier

Draft Strategy	# Dots
Develop Commercial Clusters with a Mix of Retail & Service that Support Daily Needs, & Increased Vitality	8
Identify Grants & Programs to Support Existing Small & Immigrant Business & Recruit New Small Business	19
Develop Public/Private Partnerships to Support New Business Development & Incubators for New Business Startups	1
Implement Gateway Project to Establish Rainier & Seward as the South Entry to Rainier Beach	7
Work with Shops and Restaurants to Increase Availability of Healthy Food	9
Identify Specific Locations Near Rainier & Seward for More Residential (Mixed-use) Development	3
Support Low Income, Disabled Homeowners	8
Implement the Southeast Transportation Study Recommendations, & Bike & Pedestrian Master Plans to Improve the Walking & n Biking Environment	8
Activate Rainier as Vibrant Walking Streets	8
Create a More Complete Walking Links between Schools, Parks, Shopping Areas, etc.	13
Increase Buses to Rail Station	10
Implement Atlantic City Nursery Project to Create an Urban Food Farm	14
Look for Opportunities for a Community Food Kitchen for Food Processing, Production & Small Business Development	3
Open Views to Lake Washington, Especially at Beer Sheva Park & Atlantic City Boat Launch	9
Improve Beer Sheva Park with Picnic & Bench Furnishings	2
Support & Build on Community Diversity with: Public Art, Marketing & Branding Strategies, etc.	5
Develop Active, Ongoing Programming in the Public Spaces such as Festivals, Events, & Performances.	12
Create Places (such as a Multi-cultural Center), Programs & Events that Bring Together the Diverse Elements of the Community	10
Employ More Youth in Local Business	12
All Projects, Actions & Events in the Community Should Contribute to a Healthy Community that Provides for a Safe Neighborhood	6

Station 4 Flip Chart Notes:

- Median all the way down Rainier – planted w/trees the entire way.
- Reduce boat launch footprint, or leave footprint as is.
 - Take away/reduce parking.
 - Increase beach access.
 - Take down apartments by marina.

Station 5: Station Area

Draft Strategy	# Dots
Activate Henderson as Vibrant Walking Streets & Connection to Rainier beach Core	8
Increase Buses to Rail Station & Relocate Some Bus Layover to Station Area	15
Implement the Southeast Transportation Study Recommendations, & Bike & Pedestrian Master Plans to Improve the Walking Environment	10
Identify Incentives (Including Possible Zoning Changes) to Increase Commercial & Residential Development, & Create an Active & Safe Station Area	11
Develop Commercial Clusters with a Mix of Retail & Service that Support Daily Needs, & Increased Vitality	6
Develop Public/Private Partnerships to Support New Business	13
Development & Incubators for New Business Startups	
Work with Supermarkets, Shops & Restaurants to Increase Availability of Healthy Food	4
Evaluate Options (Including Zoning) to Stimulate More Residential Development on Henderson	14
Pursue Programs to Create Affordable Housing in the Station Area	13
Look for Opportunities for a Community Food Kitchen for Food	7
Processing, Production & Small Business Development	
Support & Build on Community Diversity with: Public Art, Marketing & Branding Strategies, etc.	7
Activate public space at Station with Community Uses	10
All Projects, Actions & Events in the Community Should Contribute to a Healthy Community that Provides for a Safe Neighborhood	7
Work with SPD to Consider "Hot Spots" Approach to Crime	
Prevention (Rainier & Henderson) & Increasing Police Legitimacy	10

Station 5 Flip Chart Notes:

- Connecting 7 to LR station is the least that they could do.
- Why have parallel?
- Nothing going E/W.
- Metro is sabotaging Sound Transit.
- Shuttle bus/Mini bus
- Buses liking to station.
- RPZ zones on Renton to allow residents to ride while reducing # of "hides and ride".
- Comments directed to map reference:
 - Could use coffee shop ("Online Coffee"); can support one.
 - Bus layover→safety→drop-off zone
 - Family hang out

- Gameworks
- Do something here . . .
- ↑zone 65'
- P-patch
- L-3? 65' – Trenton St. area
- Street commercial – wants to sell.
- May be next hangout if shut down stuff at Rainier. People now use this for layover.
- Mexican corner store is great building (old).
- Support more small businesses, small spaces.
- Under “Develop public/private partnerships” bullet:
 - ↑SPD during transition.
- Under “Increase Buses to Rail Station . . .”, ↑buses→need circulators #7
- Inclusionary zoning that mandates affordable housing with culturally relevant businesses with some subsidy/support.
- I would like to see:
 - Walk-away with plants and lights between light rail station and Rainier/Henderson so you feel like walking down there. Also along Rainier Ave.

Station 6: Linkages

Draft Strategy	# Dots
Define "Town Center" as the Heart of Rainier Beach Where the Community Comes Together	9
Develop & Link Commercial Clusters with a Mix of Retail & Service that Support Daily Needs, & Increased Vitality	5
Create a Farmer's Market	15
Implement the Southeast Transportation Study Recommendations, & Bike & Pedestrian Master Plans to Improve the Walking Environment	3
Activate Rainier & Henderson as Vibrant Walking Streets	5
Create a More Complete Walking Links between Schools, Parks, shopping areas, Increased Activity etc.	12
Increase Buses to Rail Station & Relocate Some Bus Layover to Station Area	15
Improve Use of Public Spaces (Parks, Schools) by Increasing Events, & Defining Access, Circulation & Safety	10
Open Views to Lake Washington, Especially at Beer Sheva Park & Atlantic City Boat Launch	6
Support & Build on Community Diversity with: Public Art, Marketing & Branding Strategies, etc.	5
Develop Active, Ongoing Programming in the Public Spaces.	3
Create Programs and Events that Bring Together the Diverse Elements of the Community	14
Conduct Analysis to Determine the Feasibility of Developing a Multi-cultural Center.	8
Create a Permanent, Centrally-Located Teen Center	5
Continue to Build Relationships with Seattle Public Schools	13
All Projects, Actions & Events in the Community Should Contribute to a Healthy Community that Provides for a Safe Neighborhood	6
Work with Existing Organizations to Implement Update Recommendations	3

Station 6 Flip Chart Notes:

- International competition for a bridge that is large enough to handle bikes and walkers going from light rail station to Beer Sheva Park with exits to Henderson – a backbone of the area.
- The bridge could accommodate kiosks as well.
- Rainier Beach Road Map:
 - Linkages/Add'l Strategies & Comments:
 - Multi-cultural /multi-service center (e.g. Phinney Ridge N'hood Assoc.)
 - Improve coordination between ST & Metro (they should support e/o, not complete).
 - Parking @ Boeing Access Rd.

- Extend RPZ on Renton Ave. S.
- Bike lane linkages (bridge gaps)
- Henderson paving?

Comments re RB Built Form & Urban Design:

- Old Safeway footprint out of date 10 years.
- Safeway killed these small businesses.